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February 21, 2002

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Bruce Mitchell Gold Star Stone P.O. Box 62 Oakley, Idaho 83346

Re: Tentative Approval to Commence Large Mining Operations, Gold Star Stone, Lone Pine

Mine, M/003/050, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The Division has completed a review of your latest response, received January 31, 2002, to our December 26, 2001 deficiency review letter. After reviewing this latest information, the Division has determined its adequacy and is now prepared to grant tentative approval of the Lone Pine Quarry large mining permit application. We will now proceed to publish a formal notice of tentative approval in the appropriate Salt Lake City and Box Elder County newspapers. This will begin the required 30-day public comment period. If no substantive comments are received during the public comment period, the Division will then be prepared to issue its final approval for this project.

Prior to issuing final approval, we will require receipt of the following:

- 1. Two copies of the complete and corrected plan. When final approval is issued, one copy will be stamped "approved" and returned to you for your records;
- 2. A reclamation surety in the amount of \$77,300.00 and a complete Reclamation Contract (Form MR-RC). Please let us know which type of surety you propose to post so we can provide you with the appropriate form. Contact Joelle Burns at (801) 538-5291 for surety forms, or you may download electronic copies of the forms by going to www.nr.utah.gov. reclamation contract and surety form before they are

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Please provide us with a "draft" copy of the completed finalized, so we can review them for completeness and accuracy.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience in completing this permitting process. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5286, or Lynn Kunzler at 538-5310.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure : Reclamation Contract (Form MR-RC)

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